MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Was not an undertaking made in the last Council at the time of the budget discussion that earliest measures would be adopted for making the hostel available for non-caste Hindus?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Will the member kindly refer to that portion of the proceedings?

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Unfortunately, I am not in possession of those proceedings now. Have the High Court reported that it is unnecessary to give opportunities to non-caste men also?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No; they have not reported like that.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state then whether Government propose to give any opportunity to non-caste Hindus?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That question has to be considered again.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Has any decision been arrived at?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Working of the Insolvency Regulation.

36. MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): (*a*) With regard to the working of the Insolvency Regulation, will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) the number of original petitions in insolvency filed till now in all the District Courts of the State since the promulgation of the Insolvency Regulation;

(ii) in how many cases final orders of discharge have been passed;

(iii) in how many of these, orders of adjudication have been passed; and

(iv) the courts wherein petitions in insolvency seem to take the longest time for final disposal?

(*b*) Do the Government know what time the courts in Cochin and British India take for disposal of petitions in insolvency?

(*c*) Are the Government aware that the time taken by the law courts in the State is excessively long?

(*d*) Do the Government consider that the purpose of the Insolvency Regulation can be served by such tardy disposal?

(*e*) Will the Government be pleased to direct the High Court to make rules as authorised by Section 50 providing for the speedy disposal of petitions filed under the Regulation?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) to (iv) A statement* containing the information required is placed on the table.

* *Vide* appendix II—page 123.

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(*b*) No.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), this question does not arise.

(*e*) The matter will be referred to the High Court.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Do not the Government consider that the period of eighteen months is an unusually long time?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Is it the period given in the statement appended?

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Yes, I refer to Appendix II.

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is seen that in one case the time taken is 18 months.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): What I am asking is, do not the Government think that the period of 18 months for the disposal of an insolvency petition is too long a period?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That will depend upon the circumstances of each case. No general rule has been laid down. The period required for disposal depends on the nature of the case.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): On the whole the average time taken by one court is 18 months while the average time taken by another court is only three months.

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. The details will have to be gone into before a definite reply can be given.

Dispensary at Nedumkunnam

37. **MR. T. J. MATTHEW** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state: —

(*a*) whether the people of Vazhur, Vellavur, Nedumkunnam, Manimala, and Madappally *pakuthies* are not suffering great hardships on account of the want of a dispensary or *Vaidyasala* in their midst; and

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to open a dispensary at Nedumkunnam or some other central place?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government are not aware of the hardships referred to. There is a grant-in-aid Ayurveda Vaidyasala at Manimala.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

Resale of Tank Beds by the Depressed Classes.

38. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that the depressed classes are selling to others at enhanced rates tanks included in the Kodayar Project and registered to them at the concessional rates?

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Appendix II.

***Vide* Answer to Question No 38.**

Statement showing the number of insolvency petitions filed and disposed of since the promulgation of the Insolvency Regulation in the various District Courts of the State.

Name of Court.	The number of original petitions in insolvency filed till now in the courts of the State since the promulgation of the Regulation.	The number of cases in which final orders of discharge have been passed.	The number of cases in which orders of adjudication have been passed.	The courts wherein petitions in insolvency seem to take the longest time for final disposal.	Remarks.
District Court, Nagercoil	203	...	139	...	Of the 203 applications adjudication order passed-137 Do. annulled 2 Rejected 61 Pending adjudication 3
Do. Trivandrum	462	1	160	3 months	...
Do. Quilon	352	...	160	...	No. of petitions dismissed for default and otherwise dismissed 156 Pending adjudication 36
Do. Alleppey	300	1	181	18 "	...
Do. Kottayam	135	...	67	...	Pending disposal 15
Do. Parur	113	...	63	...	Of the 113 petitions allowed-63 Transferred to other courts 1 Rejected 44 Pending disposal 5